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Attn: 104(e) Task

Re: Request for Information Pursuant to Section 104 of
CERCLA and Section 3007 of RCRA for the Artel Chemical
Site, Nitro, West Virginia

Gentlemen:

In response to your letter of April 20, 1989 addressed to Reade Manufacturing Company with a reference number of 3HW14, I offer the following information. All transactions between Reade Manufacturing Company and the companies referred to in the above referenced letter were simple purchase/sales transactions whereby Reade Manufacturing Company sold to said companies magnesium metal in the form of either magnesium ingots or magnesium chips produced from magnesium ingots. I am enclosing one copy each of all documents pertaining to said purchase/sales transactions.

As will be evident upon a review of the enclosed documents, the magnesium ingots sold weighed approximately 36 pounds each, and the selling price was approximately \$1.90 per pound. The magnesium chips, called RMC-3, were produced by grinding the magnesium ingots, and the selling price for this product was approximately \$2.40 per pound.

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I am also enclosing a copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet prepared by Reade Manufacturing Company which includes a certificate of analysis prepared by Dow Chemical U.S.A.. Said certificate of analysis shows that the magnesium ingots involved in these transactions contain 99.80% magnesium with trace amounts of other elements.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (412) 535-4357.

Very truly yours,

READE MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Joseph R. Marino
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Corporate Secretary

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Enclosures

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